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State Board of Health—Appropriation. (Chap. 167, Act Mar. 8, 1915.)

SECTION 1. That chapter 181 of the public laws of 1913 be and the same is hereby amended by striking out section 14¹ of said chapter and substituting therefor the following:

SEC. 14. For carrying out the provisions of this act \$30,000 is hereby annually appropriated to be paid by the State auditor on requisition signed by the secretary and president of the State board of health.

SEC. 2. This act shall not be construed to affect the appropriation made for the purpose of collecting vital statistics and enforcing the law in regard thereto.

County Boards of Health—Appointment, Powers, and Duties. County Physicians or County Health Officers—Appointment of. (Chap. 214, Act Mar. 9, 1915.)

Section 9² of chapter 62 of the public laws of 1911, as amended by the public laws of 1913, was amended to read as follows:

SEC. 9. *County board of health, who constitutes; election of county physician or county health officer.*—The chairman of the board of county commissioners, the mayor of the county town, and in county towns where there is no mayor the clerk of the superior court, and the county superintendent of schools shall meet together on the first Monday in April, 1911, and thereafter on the first Monday of January in the odd years of the calendar, and elect from the regularly registered physicians of the county, two physicians, who, with themselves, shall constitute the county board of health. The chairman of the board of county commissioners shall be the chairman of the county board of health, and the presence of three members at any regular or called meeting shall constitute a quorum. The term of office of members of the county board of health shall terminate on the first Monday in January in the odd years of the calendar, and while on duty they shall receive \$4 per diem, to be paid by the county. The county board of health shall have the immediate care and responsibility of the health interests of their county. They shall meet annually in the county town, and three members of the board are authorized to call a meeting of the board whenever in their opinion the public health interest of the county requires it. They shall make such rules and regulations, pay such fees and salary, and impose such penalties as in their judgment may be necessary to protect and advance the public health: *Provided*, That all expenditures shall be approved by the board of county commissioners before being paid. The board of health shall meet on the first Monday of July, 1913, and thereafter on the second Monday of January in the odd years of the calendar, and elect either a county physician, whose tenure of service shall be terminable at the pleasure of the county board of health, or a county health officer, who shall serve thereafter until the second Monday in January of the odd years of the calendar: *Provided*, That if the county board of health of any county shall fail to elect a county physician or county health officer within two calendar months of the time set in this section, the secretary of the State board of health shall appoint a registered physician of good standing in the said county to the office of county physician, who shall serve the remainder of the two years, and shall fix his compensation, to be paid by the said county, in proportion to the compensation paid by other counties for like service, having in view the amount of tax collected by said county.

¹ The section referred to is section 35 on page 345 of Reprint No. 264 from the Public Health Reports.

² Reprint No. 264 from the P. H. R., p. 338.